



ENTER THE DRAGON

Duration: 3 nights / 4 days

Introduction

Bhutan a purely Buddhist Himalayan Kingdom is unsurpassed in its scenic majesty and vibrant culture. The kingdom shares with Nepal the world's greatest concentration of Mountains and living heritage of Buddhism. The fifty minutes flight from Kathmandu to Paro can truly be described as a flight into fantasy. During the flight a first hand close up view of Mt. Everest, Mt. Kanchenjunga and many other famous Peaks become a reality. Bi-weekly flights between these two Kingdoms have made travel easier to the long isolated Dragon Kingdom of Bhutan.

Tours to Bhutan are planned to commence on Mondays and Thursdays from Kathmandu. The tour cost is inclusive of all airport transfers, conducted sightseeing tours, full board at hotels and during treks on the twin-bed-sharing-basis. There are direct flights from Delhi bi-weekly and Bangkok weekly and tours can be planned accordingly. Bhutan is one of the few countries in the world still untouched. a paradise for tourist interested in Buddhist culture and philosophy, flora and fauna, trekking and mountaineering. Due to the Royal Government's policy of controlled selective tourism, Bhutan has been receiving less than 5000 tourists annually.

ITINERARY

Day 01: Transfer to airport and fly Kathmandu / Paro Druk Air BAe 146-100 series, the only national carrier. The flight offers beautiful view of mountains and landscapes. On arrival and after visa formalities, met by representatives and transferred to the Hotel / Resort.

Dinner and Overnight at Hotel / Resort

Day 02: **AM:** Sightseeing tour of Paro visiting the ruined fortress of Drugyel dzong which still attracts visitors due to the strategic location of the fort. The fort defended the Paro valley from the Tibetan invasion from the north in the early 17th century. On clear day, Mount Chomolhari (7320 meters) can be seen towering over the dzong. Proceed through the beautiful valley to the watch tower or locally known as Ta-Dzong. It was converted into the National museum in the 1960's by the third King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck. The seven floors museum highlights various aspects of Bhutanese culture and history dating back to the 7th century.

LATE PM: Drive to Thimphu (65 Kms. - 2hrs). Upon arrival, check into the Hotel.

Dinner and Overnight at Hotel.



Day 03: **AM:** Sightseeing tour of Thimphu which includes a visit the Memorial chorten built in the memory of the late King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, Painting School, Tashichho Dzong.

PM: Drive back to Paro. On the way visit the Simthokha - Dzong, the oldest Dzong in Bhutan built in 1627 by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal. In 1961, the third King turned the Dzong into a centre for traditional studies for law students who would be trained as a Dzonkha Teacher. It now houses the Buddhist university. Arrive Paro and check into the Kichu Resort.

Evening at leisure.

Dinner and Overnight at the Hotel / Resort

Day 04: Early breakfast and transfer to the airport for the flight back to Katmandu. Upon arrival, meet and transfer to the Hotel.

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